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Hamfests are changing. This year it was announced that the Dayton Hamfest will have to move because Hara arena is closing.

"The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) regrets to inform our many vendors, visitors and stakeholders that, unfortunately, Hara has announced the closing of their facility," a news release from Hamvention General Chair Ron Cramer last week. Greene County officials revealed that Hamvention will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds next year, according to our partners at the Xenia Gazette. "

We have been seeing this happening to a lot of hamfests the past few years, even our own. Many are now holding tailgate events instead of the full hamfest because of costs and locational changes and because the setup is easier.

Even though PARC had postponed the 2016 Portage hamfest we will continue with our new location and same date in July next year 2017.

Contributions to the newsletter or monthly meeting programs are encouraged. If you have any contributions contact Dave Cluggish N8IIQ for meeting programs and Dave Felber N8WWJ for newsletter contributions or email kd8kda@gmail.com.



SECRETARTY'S CORNER

Here we are the hottest summer in a long time! Finally raining here which we all need. Temps in the 90's is not for me! Hope it cools down soon. I'm not a fan of Winter temps but please cooler than the 90's. I was told it is too hot to swim!

OH WELL, On with the Club news.

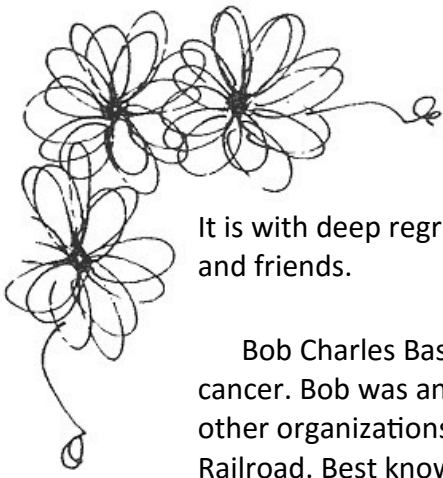
We have lost a friend and club member, Norm Jennings , W8BBN. Many of you will remember him and his wife Betty, NN8F. A great loss to the Amateur radio community.

We have also lost a friend and club member, Bob Bassett. You all will remember him as the announcer on WSTB Sunday Oldies Jukebox. He was at our last Ham-fair where he broadcast our hamfair over WSTB live. More on this amazing Club Member in an article by Club President, Larry WD8MPV.

I will start with the June meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club which was held at Maplewood Career Center, Rt. 88 Ravenna, June 22nd 2016. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the general announcements the reading of the last month meeting was approved as read and the Treasurer report approved as submitted. We then got in a long discussion about the Club repeaters agreeing to a general checkup to them both. We discussed Mike , KB8TUY, Rasp. RPI. We discussed Windows 10 being the last free update for computers. Following the list of Net controls for July Larry WD8MPV discussed the amateur radio equipment from Ted Wands estate the club has for sell. The final discussion was all about drones. We are looking for ideas for a Club fundraiser. If any of you have an idea bring it to the next meeting.

We then go forward to the July meeting of the Portage Amateur Radio Club which was held July 27 2016 ' Following the Pledge of Allegiance and general announcements the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read and the Treasurer report approved as submitted. We all agreed that the repeater is not working as it should and a work party will be scheduled to check everything out at the repeater site. Open discussion followed on the Club assets. What we plan to do with the repeater systems a fundraiser etc. Next meeting will be a show and tell by Mike, KB8TUY, all about the Raspberry Pie (RPI). So if you have a RPI or just want to know about this popular device, bring yours and Mike will have a demonstration all about it and help you get yours up and running!

Well that's it for this time around. CU at the next meeting August 24th. Best 73, Joanne KJ3O



It is with deep regret we report the passing of 2 former Portage Amateur Radio Club members and friends.

Bob Charles Bassett, KE8UV, 67 went to the big radio station in the sky after a battle with cancer. Bob was an involved radio amateur who worked with the Cleveland Red Cross and other organizations. He also enjoyed rail roading and volunteered with the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad. Best known as a radio personality in the Northeast Ohio area Bob was a disc jockey at many local stations. Interestingly, Bob's involvement in radio and TV dates back to the days of Ernie Anderson (Goulardi) at channel 8 where Tim (Tom) Conway, Big Chuck and Hoolihan and many others worked. Bob worked at the Portage Hamfair getting the word out on WSTB in Streetsboro where he would do spots from the Hamfair that were broadcast live over the radio. His involvement and dedication in the area lasted almost to the end. He will be missed by many but has left a legacy that will live on.

Norman Jennings, W8BBN, 82 of Kent, a past member of our club also passed. Norm was born in Portage County attending Ravenna Township high school and Kent State University. He spent time in the army and worked in the space program at Cape Canaveral, Florida with Goodyear Areospace. Changing careers got into real estate and he and his wife of 62 years, Betty, NN8F, ran bjennings realty in Kent for many years.

Bob and Norm will both be missed. Over the years we have lost many of our friends and fellow hams. While their passing always leaves a hole that can never be filled the important thing is the legacy that they leave for us.

KE8UV



08/10/2016

Dayton [Hamvention](#)[®] is moving on after 52 years at Hara Arena, and 2017 preparations at the show's new venue in Xenia, Ohio, now are in full swing, two Hamvention officials [explained](#) this week on the [Amateur Radio Roundtable](#) webcast hosted by Tom Medlin, W5KUB. Hamvention announced on August 1 that it would relocate to the [Greene County Fairgrounds](#), after Hara Arena made it known that it would close at month's end. Hamvention 2017 General Chair Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, and official spokesperson Mike Kalter, W8CI, fielded questions from Medlin and callers during the hour-long August 9 show. Cramer said some members of the Amateur Radio community entertain preconceived notions about the new venue that are "far off base," and he and Kalter wanted to set the record straight.

"Change is hard for everyone, but I think this is a very good move for us," Cramer said. "You will be very impressed." Kalter echoed the sentiment. "We want to start out great and get awesome," he said. Kalter said there's been a lot of second-guessing, but that "a lot of overriding factors" and year-long search led to the selection of Greene County Fairgrounds.

Kalter assured those planning to attend Hamvention that Fairgrounds buildings — particularly those used for showing livestock during the county fair — are "absolutely clean" and well maintained (see attached layout map). He and Cramer expressed confidence that everyone will find plenty of available parking and room for all traditional Hamvention activities — more than may be evident at first glance. Vendors who have already visited the new site to get the lay of the land went away "excited," they said.

At this point, no hard-and-fast decisions have been made as to how Hamvention will put the available buildings and space to use next spring, but Cramer and Kalter said the Fairgrounds staff has been especially helpful. "We're all working together now to make this happen," Kalter said, and that Hamvention officials remain open to questions and suggestions.

Cramer took time to quash one misconception about Hara Arena. "Even though they had air conditioning," he said, "air conditioning was never used there. The doors were open, and they did not want to turn on the air conditioning unless the doors were closed. So, I don't think air conditioning was used at all — at least in the last 10 years."

Some air conditioned space already available at the new venue may be suitable for such activities as forums, and the Fairgrounds is looking to upgrade existing ventilation systems in non-air conditioned buildings. "We're looking at the possibility of air conditioned 'chalets'" for forums, Kalter said.

The prime area under consideration for the popular outdoor flea market is inside the racetrack oval, they said, and additional adjacent space is available, if it's needed.

The venue will have wireless Internet coverage. "We've already moved some of the equipment out of Hara, and we think it will do a good job there," Cramer said. Kalter added that the Fairgrounds staff is working on upgrading the Internet "pipe" to the venue.

As for the admission price, "We're still working on that," Kalter said. "We have not made a decision. We may leave it at the same price or slightly more than that, but no great increase." Tickets this year were \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate for all 3 days.

Cramer and Kalter said Hamvention anticipates being ready to start selling tickets and vendor spaces by November — and perhaps earlier.

Kalter stressed that the sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association ([DARA](#)) puts "an awful lot back into ham radio in donations," all raised entirely through Hamvention.

"We need your help. We need your support," Kalter said. "Hamvention needs to move on, and we intend to make it happen, with everybody's help."



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Grandma's Apothecary



Jewelweed is another amazing plant also known as touch-me-nots because when you touch a ripe seed pod it will pop and spread seeds everywhere. If you cup your hands around the ripe seed pods and grab tightly the seeds will pop in your hand and can be eaten. They taste like walnuts to me. Jewelweed is a popular remedy for poison ivy. Breaking the stems and rubbing the juice on the affected area will usually prevent the rash from forming. If you already have the rash you can still use the juice to help dry it out and heal. Virtually any type of skin irritation including acne and bug bites can benefit from jewelweed. This little wonder is also an anti-inflammatory and anti-fungal. In fact, it happens to be the main ingredient in Preparation H!

To make jewelweed salve simmer about a handful of jewelweed in about a quart of sesame oil (or any light vegetable oil except olive oil, which burns) for 10-15 minutes. Strain out the herb, add a handful of beeswax to thicken it, and heat until melted. Take out a spoonful and let it cool to test the thickness, and add more oil or beeswax as needed. Add the contents of one oil-soluble vitamin E capsule, a natural preservative, and let it cool. Keep refrigerated and this will last for about 4-6 months.



The Portage Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Maplewood Career Center - 7075 State Route 88 - Ravenna, Ohio

Guests are always welcome

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